

WYCOMBE BAFFLED BY HEAVY DEFEAT

By "Argus"

Corinthian Casuals 5;
Wycombe Wanderers 1.

KENNINGTON O V A L,
home of cricket drama,
became the scene of football
mystery on Saturday. How
did a team which played so
much elegant soccer as Wy-
combe Wanderers come to
lose by a four goals margin?
The Wycombe players them-
selves were staggered and
there were some sheepish looks
on Corinthian faces at the
end of a fine and exciting
game.

Casuals deserved the victory.
A more compact side, they had a
much more aggressive attack and
the sounder defence but at no
stage were they four goals
superior.

And no player who flogged
himself so mercilessly as Len
Worley deserved to be on the
losing side. Worley has developed
in football depth since being
converted from a brilliant but
sometimes rather aloof right-

winger into a crusading, foraging
inside-right.

England amateur team selector
Norman Creek, present at the
Oval to view Corinthian's jet-
quick left-winger Pat Neil must
have been equally impressed with
Worley who could always send
big Casuals left-half Mike Smith
lunging clumsily the wrong way
and who sent over a stream of
crosses.

Paul Bates was also in lively
form, but despite their individual
trickery and, sometimes, collec-
tive smoothness the Wycombe
attack was beaten by its own
weak finishing and the dolphin
agility of goalkeeper John Swan-
nell.

The Casuals forwards gave
Wycombe's defence a drubbing.
The superb craft of Doug
Insole—who could give most pro-
fessional wingers lessons in ball
control—and the splendid urging
speed of Neil worried the
Wycombe backs, but the biggest
gaps lay in the centre, where
Barry Darvill had a harrassed,
troubled game.

With reserve centre-forward
Peter James moving briskly and
Worley and Bates scheming and
prompting Wycombe began with
swift raids which should have
brought goals but it was Casuals,
taking advantage of Wycombe
hesitancy to clear, who took a
2-0 lead through inside-right John
Sanders. Peter James headed a
delightful goal from Worley's
cross but the Corinthians'
dentist centre-forward Gerry Lee
made the interval score 3-1.

The Wanderers made plenty of
chances but missed them con-
sistently. They had more of the
second half play, but it was
Casuals who scored—twice. A
lightning fast run by Neil laid on
number four for Lee and a
Corinthian player appeared to
handle the ball before Jones
punched an Insole cross into his
own net.